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In re Patent Application of:  
Fernandez et al.

Application No.: 10/643,329

Group Art Unit: 1761

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For: COOKING VESSEL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2005, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-25 and 37-39, drawn to a cooking apparatus, classified in class 99, subclass 422.

II. Claims 22-36, drawn to a method of cooking, classified in class 426, subclass 523.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-25 and 37-39. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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